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## THE STATE CONVENTION

**Liveliest Since New System.  
Major Jammed Thru.  
Harmonious.**

The Democratic State Convention held at St. Joe this week was a peach in several respects. The squabble over the selection of a national committeeman, the interment of the turkey trot governor in the vice presidential mausoleum and wrangle over places on the delegation to the national convention could and should have been avoided in the interest of the party. The trouble principally consists of the fact that while Governor Major has been eliminated from the race for United States senator, he has been left with a pull for some good appointive office, and it is reasonable to suppose, with good backing.

The delegation to the national convention consists of Senator William J. Stone and Senator James A. Reed, Speaker Champ Clark, Ex. Gov. Lon V. Stephens, Col. Bill Phelps, Judge Waller, W. Graves, James Cowgill, Dr. J. T. M. Johnson, delegates at large, each with half vote; the delegates from this second congressional district are: J. W. Clapp, Sullivan county; Joseph Broadus, Livingston county; alternates: T. J. Copeland, Chariton county; L. P. Robinson, Grundy county and G. F. Crutchley of Carroll elector.

It is not worth while to try to disguise the fact that the resolution recounting the alleged meritorious administration of the governor who was sidetracked away from the main line leading to the U. S. Senate will meet with general disfavor among democrats in all parts of the state, but it is a matter of record now and we will have to meet the vulnerable act as best we can.

### Senator Stone Declined

Senator Wm. J. Stone declined to allow the convention to use his name in connection with the selection of delegates at large to the national convention.

It is seldom that the distinguished senior senator from this state, who now ranks highest in congress, makes a mistake in his moves. There are many men of high attainments, political and other, who desire no office; who are just as devoted to the interests of the democratic party; who will represent the state at a national convention as well as any, and who will appreciate highly such recognition every time a convention is to name a candidate, never desiring to enter the field for an office, who should be accorded the honor of representing the state.

### How They Stand

The St. Louis Star polled the state as far as it could to ascertain how the various candidates for governor stood at this time in the estimation of voters, and Friday published the following as its information:

Name	1st choice	2nd	3rd	Total
Gardner	84	59	20	193
Roach	72	68	42	182
Houchin	22	36	40	98
Vandiver	26	30	18	74
Painter	12	28	33	73
Barker	24	19	26	69
Atkinson	22	16	26	64
Wilson	24	11	21	56
Lindsey	14	18	16	48

Lacy McDaniel, the one time popular tailor, was here this week visiting old cronies.

Justice George Young and wife were in town the first of the week on a visit to his sick mother.

Wherever the roads have been dragged, and that is nearly all over the county, they are in pretty good shape.

Brunswick will likely have main street paved from the Wabash station to the extreme west end of the city this summer.

The bridge on the highway between this city and Brunswick is in and travel on that road is resumed. The mistake of placing the bridge across Palmers creek at the old site was a big one. The road should have been opened south of the Wabash track and the bridge built south of the Wabash bridge, shortening the road and cutting out two crossings of the track.

## Salisbury Scribbings

A sad death, Miss Mary Bean whose illness we have mentioned several times, passed away at the home of her father, Frank Bean, Thursday evening about eight o'clock, aged 20 years 5 months and 6 days. All was done for her that could be done by loving hearts and willing hands but without avail. She was a member of the Baptist church and her funeral was preached by her pastor, Rev. Pugh, Saturday morning. Deceased leaves father, mother, sister and one brother, with many relatives surviving. Our tenderest sympathy goes out to all the bereaved ones. May she rest in peace.

Miss Genevieve Gallemore entertained her teachers, Thursday evening, at the home of her grandfather and thence to the "Dixie" at the opera house.

Mrs. Geo. Isert, whose illness we have mentioned from time to time, passed away at the home of her husband, Monday, aged 32 years, leaving a husband and two little children to mourn her untimely death. Remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery, west of town, after funeral services at St. Josephs church.

A wind blizzard struck our town Wednesday morning, and a visitor from Colo., remarked, "how I do love these gentle breezes."

Scraping the bottom of the coal bin is in order here, and the dealer smiles ghoulishly, so to speak.

The owners are preparing to make a garden patch of "Prairie View."

The fellow who shed his flannels Tuesday resembled a side walk fishing worm the next day.

Gus Wangler returned from the hospital at Moberly Tuesday where he had been treated for blood poison, much improved.

Homer Jaco is home from military school at Lexington, Mo., on a visit.

A new boy at the home of Wm. Slee causes smiles from his parents. Here's hoping he has the beauty of his mother and the energy of his father.

Mrs. Wm. Young underwent an operation at the Baptist sanitarium in St. Louis Friday and is reported doing well.

G. P. Gooch, an old man, about 78 years old, who formerly lived south of this place, died suddenly at Moberly Monday night, and remains were shipped here for burial in the Gooch burial ground. Our information is that deceased retired that evening as well as usual but died some during the night.

Mrs. Joe Smith of Coffeyville, Kas., came in Sunday on a visit to relatives and friends, and will be here several weeks.

James A. Henderson is recovering from a bad spell of sickness and is able to be out on the street. He will not break up housekeeping but will remain on his farm this season.

Joseph Ponder, aged about 86, died at the home of his son, north of town, Friday and was buried here on Monday. For many years he had been afflicted with palsy, but managed to get about until a short time before his death. He was a fine old gentleman and his passing is regretted.

Mrs. T. T. Reno, her son, Rex, of Limon, Colo., and Miss Josie Anderson of Milan, Mo., have been here visiting relatives and friends this week.

Ex Mayor T. H. Edwards has decided to stand for the office of Representative of Chariton county and will enter upon an active canvass.

Mrs. Ella Dismukes has so far recovered from the burns received in a recent gasoline explosion as to be able to attend church and will soon be well.

W. S. Stockwell has returned from St. Louis and Mrs. Stockwell will follow in a few days.

Mrs. Maggie Wanger has re-roofed her dwelling on 3rd street.

G. E. Sanders who moved to town two weeks ago, moved back to the country Sunday. He was unable to find employment in town.

## NEW EDITOR IN CHARGE

**Recorder Sold to Kansas Publisher  
Locates Permanently  
Democratic.**

Veteran newspaper man, all round hustler and a good writer, he still was physically unable to continue the strenuous life of a country editor and last Thursday evening Mr. E. E. Rettig sold the Recorder to Mr. A. J. Byerly of Cherryvale, Kas., an old hand at the business.

We regret losing Editor Rettig from the field, but glad to learn that he will remain a citizen and probably a business man of our city. He has simply "gone at it too hard" and at his advanced age, it was impossible to stand under the work he had cut out for himself. Moving, rearranging the Recorder office, improving not only the print but the news and editorial department of his paper and hustling for business nearly got the goat of the genial oldtimer, and we repeat, we regret that his strength was not equal to the demand on it.

### John Wesley Agee

It is not only in this immediate community that deep sorrow is felt over the loss by death of one of the really good men of the time is felt. There is no place where he was known but that some one who appreciates genuine manhood is not grieving. Wes Agee was one of those characters not appreciated until lost. Gentle, kind, charitable to the limit, unpretentious and wholly forgiving when wronged if besought for pardon, yet firm and constant in his convictions without the least offensive language or manner, he was truly exceptional.

For thirty two years he was a business partner of his brother Wallace, and tho differing in almost all characteristics, they were the Cheruble Bros. in real life.

Wes Agee began his business career as a clerk in the general store of M. W. Anderson in this city, then forming a partnership with his brother Wallace, he entered the grocery and drug business in Dalton where they remained until 1891, coming to this city and operating in the grocery business until they opened a clothing store in which business they were engaged until his death.

Wes Agee was converted and united with the Baptist church when a young man, and at the time of his death was teacher of the Bible Class and treasurer and his devotion to his religious principles and church was an example well worthy following. He was also a member of the school board for this district, and treasurer of the district. He never sought office or public preferment, but accepted responsibilities put upon him as a duty and performed his duties well.

In addition to his widow and children, Elizabeth, Hortense, Anderson, Everett and Gilbert Fisher, his sister, Mrs. Minnie Hurt and brother, Wallace G. he leaves a number of relatives who most deeply deplore his death.

John Wesley Agee was born on the old Agee homestead south east of town May 24, 1862, and died, after several weeks illness at his home in this city Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon by pastor Rev. A. F. Haynes who preached a most appropriate and acceptable sermon, and interment in the city cemetery followed. The tributes of respect by the business men and warm personal friends and what was most unusual evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held, was the sorrow of men with whom he was not much associated nor whose conduct he approved. The floral offerings of love and esteem by business men were many and superb.

The son of Powhatan and Sarah Perkins Agee, could he have looked thru the casement of his last earthly resting place, would have beheld at home, at church and grave that which in life he perhaps little suspected, the warmest feeling of friendship and deep attachment of many he did not know were friends who paid him their last acts of tenderest regard by their presence.

## Triplett

J. M. McDonald and wife of Stanberry visited the former's parents here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Grace Zimmerman, Courtney Jackson, Christine and Emma Crotts were Chillicothe visitors Saturday.

James McGehee of Rothville was a Triplett visitor Sunday.

Jno. Millican, wife and baby of Rothville visited at the home of W. W. Wilson the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Theodore Holman returned home Friday from Warrenton where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix Newman are visiting relatives at New Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Scott returned home Saturday from a weeks visit with their son W. F. Scott and family at Chillicothe.

Miss Nellie O'Connell and Mrs. Frank Stoner of Sumner visited their parents here Sunday.

Miss Erma Bonds, who is now employed as a teacher at Hardin, Mo., visited her parents here Saturday and Sunday.

M. W. Perry of Sumner was a Triplett visitor Sunday.

The E. T. C. Club entertained a number of their friends at the Odd Fellows Hall Friday evening March 17.

"The Ruralist" a home talent play given by the members of the Berean Sunday school class of the Christain church was a great success. A large crowd attended among which were many from surrounding towns.

Miss Mae Vale is reported quite sick.

Dr. Harvey Bonds of Sumner visited his parents here Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Harding and son of Keytesville visited relatives here the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Roberts and sons Lester and Glenn and Mrs. Audrey Carter drove over from Bucklin Sunday.

Dollie, a little daughter of Mrs. Clara Daniels is ill from typhoid fever.

Mrs. Kate Seneker visited relatives at Mendon the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed James of Nevada, Mo., arrived Sunday for a visit with the latters parents Rev. and Mrs. Newman. Mr. James returned home Monday, Mrs. James remained for a more extended visit.

A. C. Klee of Meadville visited his mother, Mrs. George Klee, Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Cary who has been living near Brunswick has moved his family here and is now living in the house recently vacated by C. C. Stobaugh and family.

Chas. Abel of Chillicothe was in town on business the first of the week.

C. W. McAllister was in St. Joseph the first of the week.

W. P. Gains has recently purchased a Ford of Halliburton Bros. at Brunswick.

Mrs. J. S. Shipp and daughter Miss Lucille returned home Tuesday afternoon from Excelsior Springs where they have spent several weeks for the benefit of Mrs. Shipp's health.

### Chraneville Chips

We are sorry to report the serious illness of Mrs. Tom Brooks and Floyd Gordon. Mrs. Brooks has pleurisy and a congested lung and Floyd has a bad case of pneumonia. We hope to hear of their speedy recovery.

Miss Sarah Lee visited her sister, Mrs. Jim Holman, first of the week.

Mrs. Jesse Coleman and two children, Mary Walter and Richard Emet, visited Mrs. R. A. Coleman at Adams Chapel Sunday.

A land deal was made in this locality last week, J. T. Coleman buying the 40 acre tract one-half mile east of Chraneville, known as the Tom Brooks 40.

Mrs. Frank Cavanah was seriously burned last week by lighting the fire after she had put kerosene in the stove.

## THE MEXICAN SITUATION

**Villa Escaped, Gathering Friends  
Pershing Pursuing Persistently  
Trouble Ahead**

General John J. Pershing and others commanding forces in pursuit of Pancho Villa in Mexico are confronted, according to newspaper reports with having to meet companies of deserters from the regular Mexican army. It is evident that a general revolt will be on in a short time and that Carranza will have to look out for his scalp as well as well as office. Gen. Herrera, the commander of the government troops at Chihuahua, is reported to have revolted and declared war on the United States. Carranza had relieved this general of his command, is reported. Another report says that Villista troops and Carranza soldiers had engaged in a fight at Casas Grandes.

Extreme heat and scarcity of water and the extreme cold at night are seriously affecting Gen. Pershing's command, and soldiers are reported dropping out in numbers with pneumonia and dysentery.

Two aviators have been injured in flights to locate Villa, and two others who went out on scout duty are missing.

### EUROPEAN WAR

The heaviest fighting is still around Verdun and the German army making little advance. The war in Africa is about a draw so far as important events reported since last week. Russians have made some inroads at points in the east, but a report that the Germans had captured 9000 in one battle about breaks even with what gains said to have been made by the allies.

### You Will Hear It

In the April American Magazine an interview with Oscar W. Underwood, author of the present tariff law: "The talk of our needing a higher tariff to meet after-war conditions has no merit beyond being a political argument," declares Senator Underwood with smiling calmness.

"Instead of lower wages in Europe, it is possible that in many lines of industry wages will be higher. Obviously fewer men will return to their jobs than left their jobs to go to war. This will tend to boost wages, and with wages higher there will be less difference than heretofore in the labor cost of production here and abroad.

"Moreover, there will not be the facilities for manufacturing the goods for export that there was before the war. In Belgium for example, many factories are entirely destroyed. The organization is destroyed also.

"In all the belligerent countries the great work of restoring things to normal conditions will doubtless require their chief attention and energy for a long time. The bulk of their manufactures will be required for their own use, supplemented by much that they must obtain from us. The balance of trade will be in our favor."

Judge Fred Lamb has his political fences in satisfactory shape so he tackled the hedge on his farm last week with the result that he whacked one of his knees with the hedge trimmer he was using. He had a bad wound, but let some opponent appear on the political horizon and he went so much as limp.

Jake Ray was a visitor Monday. He has not been here for months, evidently finding congenial widows in his Chillicothe home town. Jake does not present quite the usual juvenile attractions formerly irresistible if the number of women who have succumbed to it and taken Jake on matrimonially is evidence.

Mrs. Robert Scott was in Belton, Mo., last week on a visit to her niece, Mrs. Arch Sprinkle and her brother-in-law, Mr. Geo. W. Scott. The Belton paper, speaking of Mrs. Scott, said she is 85 years old and lives with her only daughter, Mrs. Wm. E. Hill of this city. The item further stated that Mrs. Scott had been a mother to many orphans, thinking of others rather than herself during her four score and five years of life.

## LETTER ON MEXICO by a Near Neighbor.

Numerous friends have asked me so many questions concerning Mexico and the border situation that I have decided to give some information along this line, as I have viewed it from the border city of El Paso, Tex., during the past 3 years. El Paso as you doubtless know, is situated in the extreme western part of Texas, on the silvery Rio Grande, but not silvery by any means, but a dirty treacherous stream, wending its way to the gulf.

El Paso, as the word means "The Pass," a pass between two high mountains, one on the American side and one on the Mexican side, with the Rio Grande flowing between. El Paso is a modern, up-to-date and a rapidly growing city of 70,000 people, one-half of the population being Mexicans. Opposite El Paso over the Rio Grande is the Mexican city of Juarez (Wharez). The two cities are connected by two international bridges and after crossing over into old Mexico, one has a feeling of wishing he or she were back on American soil, as it is indeed another world. You feel you have dropped into a city of adobes—that is mud buildings. An adobe is about two inches thick, six inches wide and twelve to fourteen inches long, and are made of mud and straw and moulded by a wooden form into adobes and dried in the sun and in a few weeks are ready to be put into the walls—mud is here used instead of mortar. These houses stand for centuries; some are nearly three hundred years old in the city of Juarez. It makes a very cheap and very warm house, the roof being covered with adobes also and only the better class have wooden floors, as the dirt floor is found to be more economical.

A great many of the older homes of El Paso are still standing of adobes and when pebble dashed are very pretty indeed, being of the mission style of architecture. In this city of Juarez you find a population of about 20,000 and a hard looking lot they are, all bent on some form of amusement, as a bull fight, chicken fight, some gambling game or other amusement. It has been said that Juarez is the most wicked city in the world, as here the American tourist is often relieved of all his valuables in a short time, and left stranded—often times disfigured and in a sad predicament. It is not the Mexicans that are responsible for all the work as many American crooks flee to that side to escape the El Paso police and those the American sight seers became easy prey to their own countrymen, although the Mexicans are guilty of a great many of these holdups. During the last few months Juarez has been almost a different city in some ways as the new mayor has had a clean-up, and it is improved very much and the people of El Paso have been mighty glad of the change.

Juarez has aptly been called the port of missing men, as during Gen. Francisco Villia (Via) reign over the city there were a few mysteriously disappeared—one an Englishman who was murdered in cold blood, and a German who had been seen inside of (carcel) jail and was supposed to have been shot at sunrise, against an adobe wall at the old prison. Also two or three Americans mysteriously disappeared along about the same time two years ago. Hence, the title "The port of missing men."

The only thing of interest and beauty in this sun-baked city is the Old Mission of Guadalupe, founded by the early Spanish in the 15th century and it stands today three hundred years old with walls six feet thick and will continue to stand for 1000 years unless destroyed by the hand of man. It is very quaint and pretty inside, the ceiling being of huge beams of mahogany wood, hand carved by the early Indians. The statues of the saints are all very beautiful, the Virgin Mary having been brought over to this country by early Spanish settlers who conquered Mexico under Cortez and then pushed north and founded the Mission of Guadalupe.

A great many of the Mexicans are very devoted to the Catholic church while lots of them are avowed and bitter enemies, such

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